

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

There was a regular meeting of the above referenced subcommittee held on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Councilor Gamble

Also present were: Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council

Guest was: Kevin Morrison, V.P. of Resource Development for Habitat for Humanity

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. There was no quorum present for this meeting.

Discussion regarding the property at 97 Granby Street

This property is located at the southeast corner Granby Street and Tobey Road. It was recommended to schedule a public hearing and move to point of sale.

This item will be placed on the Council agenda for October 28, 2013.

Discussion regarding the Valco property

This building will be placed onto the blighted list effective December 1, 2013. A meeting is scheduled in the near future with Mr. Don Gersham, Mr. Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager and Mr. Thom Hooper, Director of Planning to discuss plans for demolition and lease agreement with a new tenant. The site was approved for all grant funds to proceed.

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Discussion regarding Habitat for Humanity

Mr. Kevin Morrison of Habitat for Humanity informed the committee on his requests to acquire additional building lots for affordable housing. There were several sites highlighted on the map including: South Cottage Grove, Rockwell, Chapel and Blue Hills Avenue. Mr. Morrison has been working with the Planning department to review areas of availability.

Mr. Morrison also indicated that Habitat was approached by the Board of Education to sponsor a home. All schools are excited about the possibility of fundraising and contribution towards building another home in town.

He also updated the committee on the status of the Re-Store located at 500 Cottage Grove Road. The lease will be signed within a week and construction work has begun on the roof, flooring, lighting, etc. The Re-Store has a grand opening scheduled for April 1st, 2014. The store is approximately 22,000 square feet with gently used furniture, appliances, windows, doors, etc. Habitat expects about \$1,000,000 in sales projection for the first year. They will hire employees and have many volunteers to handle the day to day operations of the store.

Consider and Take Action regarding Request to Relocate Power Line Easement on Town Property located on Mustad Drive

The committee did not see any issues with this request. It was recommended to place this item on Council agenda for October 28, 2013.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.